

Exeter Public Library Trustees Minutes

February 20, 2018

Present: B. Young, L. Haslam, M. McEntee, D. Leonard, M. Lafreniere,
L. Wilson, P. Sears and H. Godino

Call to order at 6:30 pm. Barbara opened the meeting with a roll call. The minutes of the January meeting were accepted.

Ann Schieber and Julie Abant representing the Exeter Historical Society addressed the Board of Trustees regarding the \$5000.00 loan given to the Society by the library in April of 2013. The loan was originally given to help produce the books about Exeter by Nancy Merrill. There is a \$4445.00 balance due to the Library with one payment made in 2014. Ann and Julie wanted to find some way to service the debt. It was suggested that since the finances of the Historical Society are in much better shape than they were previously, they could pay the library back in \$500.00 yearly payments. The Trustees offered to sell the books at the library and promote the book. Any books sold would go to repaying the loan.

Hope will find out information regarding where this is in the books. Is this okay with the AG's office? Everyone was feeling good about their acknowledgement of the debt and their solution to repay it.

A motion was made to sell the books at the library. Seconded and passed.

A motion was also made that the Exeter Historical Society loan will be paid in annual installments of a minimum of \$500.00 beginning with the year 2018 until the outstanding debt of \$4445.00 is paid in full. Seconded and passed.

Correspondence: -0-

Director's Report:

Family Story Time for all ages are held every Monday & Thursday at 11:00 am. Preschool Story Time for ages 3 yrs. old & up are held every Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Open Art is every Monday and Friday from 11:30-4:30 pm. Two very special Story Times with Exeter Police Detective Page on February 6 & 7 were very well attended.

For school vacation next week, we have a number of fun activities planned including a daily scavenger hunt, board games, Open Art, a newly released children's film Wednesday morning February 28.

Book & Art, 6-year-olds, received their first book to read independently, Annie and Snowball and the Book Bugs. This will be discussed in March. The Book Bunch, 7-year-olds, will read Your Very Own Robot and Dewey's Book Buds, 8-year olds, will read Prize Winners of Piedmont Place. The Page Turners, 9 & 10 year-olds, will read Fortune Falls.

The children's sewing group for ages 8 and older meet once a month. They are working on a quilt.

The EPL LOVES YA continues to draw teens to the library for fun events like Trivia Tournaments, a Harry Potter Book Night, a Cupid is Stupid Party, and Teen Movies. On Thursday, February 23rd the afterschool program will host teen mini golf from 3-5pm in our Teen Scene

The Owls will conclude the 2017-2018 session by reading A Wrinkle In Time in anticipation of the March release of the film. Books for Life will read Stargirl and participate in activities focused on eliminating bullying through kindness. Our High School Book Group is reading The Cellar, and voted to continue meeting through May.

Winter vacation, the Teen Scene will host a drop-in photo booth filled with props, backdrops and signs. Teens can drop in during regular business hours and strike a pose using their own devices or use the library's camera to take photos all vacation long. Props include Marvel & DC characters, Harry Potter, the Lord of the Rings, Peanuts, Star Wars, Riverdale and signs celebrating February as National I Love My Library Month. We are asking teens to share photos to our Facebook page using the hashtag #ILOVEMYEPL.

Adult book groups are celebrating our 10th anniversary this year with cake and a display in Study Room A of past years posters. On March 21, the Morning Book Group will discuss Agatha Christie's Witness for the Prosecution and host a special movie screening of the film. Our Evening Book Group will discuss The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George on March 14th.

Tech Teach, free one-on-one technology lessons are extremely popular. We offer these lessons on the first Monday of the month 5-7 pm and on the last Friday of the month 10 am to noon. Give us a call for more information and to sign-up for a lesson.

The outreach book talks are ongoing and remain exceptionally well-liked with a good attendance each time. Participants have given us suggestions for books they would like for future visits.

We are continuing to show movies on the first and third Mondays of the month alternating a newly released movie with a classic film.

Movie & Munchie dates are March 13 and May 9th.

All our programs are free and open to the public

Building and Grounds:-0-

Operating Statement: Year-to-date numbers are the only real numbers until the budget for 2018 is passed. Any money left over from the budget would be spent on books and programs. Town appropriates a certain amount to the budget each year--money not spent can be used on items such as paying for the architects. Any money given to the Annual Appeal is shown at the end of the year.

The final budget of 2017 was accepted.

Finance: Barbara asked everyone to take home the copy of the library's Financial Policies and Procedures draft to read for the next meeting.

Personnel and Policy: -0-

Social: The Staff Appreciation Lunch may be moved to a Tuesday so that more people might be able to attend.

Long Range Plan: Everyone was reminded to vote and to encourage everyone in town to vote in the upcoming town elections. It was asked if lawn signs and signs at the polls were allowed. Buttons and pamphlets are available to hand out.

Friends of the Library: The Friends group is still looking for a treasurer. They will be at the Saturday, March 10th Farmer's Market to hand out books and brochures. Several Trustees said they would be at that market to help. It would be a good time to hand out buttons and pamphlets with information on the library renovation. The Friends are looking to have a Tea at the library on April 17, 2018.

Continuing Business: -0-

New Business: Leslie told of a student who had a very over-due book and had a wonderful experience at the library when they returned it without a fine.

Executive Session:

The Trustees voted to go into Executive Session per New Hampshire RSA: 91-A: 3 at 7:25 pm to discuss Hope's evaluation. Seconded and passed. Hope left the room.

A motion was made to go out of executive session at 8:10 pm. Seconded and passed.

Next meeting: March 20, 2018 at 6:30 in Study A.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Wilson